

What is claimed is:

1. A method of communicating at least one frame size in a frame relay network, the method comprising:

identifying a first frame size; and

transmitting over the frame relay network a message
5 having a size, said message responsive to the first frame size identified, wherein the first frame size is different from the size of the message.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting step is responsive to the first frame size exceeding a threshold.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting step comprises transmitting the first frame size over a plurality of PVCs.

4. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for communicating at least one frame size in a frame relay network, the computer program product
5 comprising:

computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to identify a first frame size; and

computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to transmit over the frame relay network a

10 message having a size, said message responsive to the first frame size identified, wherein the first frame size is different from the size of the message.

5. The computer program product of claim 4 wherein the computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to transmit are responsive to the first frame size exceeding a threshold.

5 6. The computer program product of claim 4 wherein the computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to transmit comprise computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to transmit the first frame size over a plurality of PVCs.

7. A method of identifying a first frame size, comprising:

receiving at least one delay;

receiving a speed; and

5 calculating the first frame size responsive to the speed received and at least one of the delays received.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the calculating step is responsive to a lowest value delay received.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the calculating step comprises multiplying the lowest value delay received by the speed received.

10. The method of claim 7 wherein the speed comprises a local speed.

11. The method of claim 7 wherein each of at least one of the at least one delay comprises an acceptable delay.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the speed comprises a local speed.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the calculating step is responsive to a lowest value acceptable delay received.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the calculating step comprises multiplying the lowest value acceptable delay received by the local speed received.

15. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for identifying a first frame size, comprising:

5 computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to receive at least one delay;

computer readable program code devices configured to
cause a computer to receive a speed; and

computer readable program code devices configured to
10 cause a computer to calculate the first frame size
responsive to the speed received and at least one of the
delays received.

16. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein
the computer readable program code devices configured to
cause a computer to calculate are responsive to a lowest
value delay received.

17. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein
the computer readable program code devices configured to
cause a computer to calculate comprise computer readable
program code devices configured to cause a computer to
5 multiply the lowest value delay received by the speed
received.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the speed comprises
a local speed.

19. The method of claim 15 wherein each of at least
one of the at least one delay comprises an acceptable delay.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein the speed comprises
a local speed.

21. The computer program product of claim 20 wherein the computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to calculate are responsive to a lowest value acceptable delay received.

5 22. The computer program product of claim 20 wherein the computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to calculate comprise computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to multiply the lowest value acceptable delay received by the
10 local speed received.

23. An apparatus for communicating at least one frame size in a frame relay network, the apparatus comprising:

means for identifying a first frame size; and

15 means, coupled to the means for identifying the first frame size, for transmitting over the frame relay network a message having a size, said message responsive to the first frame size identified, wherein the first frame size is different from the size of the message.